

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 6-8, 10-15 and 17-19 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 3 and 5 are amended. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

Claim 1. (Currently amended) A process for preparing a dough-based product, comprising adding a xylanase to a dough, leavening, and heating the dough, wherein the xylanase is

- a) a polypeptide having at least 80-90 % identity to the amino acid sequence as shown in positions 1-182 of SEQ ID NO: 2 ~~or~~
- b) ~~a polypeptide which is encoded by a DNA sequence which can hybridize at 41°C in 0.1 x SSC to the complementary strand of nucleotides 142-687 of SEQ ID NO: 1.~~

Claim 2. (Previously presented) The process of claim 1 which further comprises adding an exo-acting maltogenic alpha-amylase to the dough.

Claim 3. (Currently amended) A composition which comprises flour together with a xylanase which is a polypeptide having at least 80-90 % identity to the amino acid sequence as shown in positions 1-182 of SEQ ID NO: 2 ~~or encoded by a DNA sequence which can hybridize at 41°C in 0.1 x SSC to the complementary strand of nucleotides 142-687 of SEQ ID NO: 1.~~

Claim 4. (Original) The composition of the preceding claim which is a dough.

Claim 5. (Currently amended) A granulate or agglomerated powder comprising a xylanase which is a polypeptide having at least 80-90 % identity to the amino acid sequence as shown in positions 1-182 of SEQ ID NO: 2 ~~or is encoded by a DNA sequence which can hybridize at 41°C in 0.1 x SSC to the complementary strand of nucleotides 142-687 of SEQ ID NO: 1.~~

Claims 6-8. (Canceled)

Claim 9. (Previously presented) The process of claim 1, wherein the xylanase is a polypeptide having at least 95 % identity to the amino acid sequence as shown in positions 1-182 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claims 10-15. (Canceled)

Claim 16. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 3, wherein the xylanase is a polypeptide having at least 95 % identity to the amino acid sequence as shown in positions 1-182 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claims 17-19. (Canceled)